Department of Permits Approvals and Inspections 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Baltimore County, Maryland

In the Matter of Civil Citation No. 89994

Beth Patton

Whitney Hedgepeth 8233 Pleasant Plains Road

Respondents

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FINAL ORDER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

This matter came before the Administrative Law Judge on April 13, 2011 for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Code (BCC) section 13-7-112, 115, 310, 312; 13-4-201, failure to clean up trash and garbage along rear fence, failure to store all garbage in containers with tight fitting lids on residential property.

On March 22, 2011, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector Kim Wood issued a Code Enforcement & Inspections Citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1<sup>st</sup> class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$400.00 (four hundred dollars).

The following persons appeared for the Hearing and testified: Whitney Hedgepeth, Respondent and Kim Wood, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Officer.

Testimony and evidence offered at the hearing revealed that the Respondent is guilty of storing trash in trash cans without tight fitting lids.

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Having heard the testimony and evidence presented at the Hearing:

IT IS ORDERED by the Administrative Law Judge that a civil penalty be imposed in the amount of \$400.00 (four hundred dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the \$400.00 civil penalty be suspended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the \$400.00 will be imposed if there is a subsequent finding against the Respondent for the same violation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if not paid within thirty days of billing, the civil penalty AND any expenses incurred by Baltimore County, as authorized above, shall be imposed and placed as a lien upon the property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County inspect the property to determine whether the violations have been corrected.

ORDERED this 21ST day of April 2011

Signed: ORIGINAL SIGNED Timothy M. Kotroco Administrative Law Judge

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:** The Respondent is advised that pursuant to §3-6-301(a) of the Baltimore County Code, the Respondent may appeal this order to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals within fifteen (15) days from the date of this order; any such appeal requires the filing of a petition setting forth the grounds for appeal, payment of a filing fee of \$150 and the posting of security in the amount of the penalty assessed.

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